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Secondary School Places

Dear Parents and Carers

Determining your child's Secondary school choice is a very important decision to make. It is vital that you have as much information about all your options well in advance of the final decision; this decision needs to be made by October 31st of Year 6.

You may think that you have plenty of time to make these decisions, but I would urge you all to start thinking about choices sooner rather than later.

We send our pupils on to the following schools:

- The East Manchester Academy
- Trinity Church of England High School
- Co-op Academy Failsworth
- Co-op Belle Vue
- Parrs Wood High School
- Co-op Academy Manchester
- St Peter's RC High School
- Stretford Grammar School
- Levenshulme High School
- Urmston Grammar School
- Whalley Range High School
- Manchester Academy
- Manchester Communication Academy
- St Matthew's RC High School
- Dean Trust Ardwick

We also have children taking the Trafford Schools entrance exams, to secure places at the Grammar Schools.

I would recommend that you have a good look on different school websites and to find out about Open Days this term, especially if your child is in Year 5. The Open Days are starting now and will continue throughout this month and into October.

Do not limit yourself to just one or two schools – be open to up to four or five - or even more if you have time and inclination.

Do arrange for personal tours and visits during the school day – you can do this in addition to or instead of the Open Days. Ask to meet the Head Teacher and/or the Head of Year 7.

Please look beyond Ofsted reports – this is why visiting the schools is so important, and getting a feel for the place first hand. Chat to parents of older children who have just moved on.

At this stage there is no need to go with your children – as parents you do the initial ‘groundwork’ as you know what your priorities are. You know what questions you want to ask.

I do hope that this is useful for you; please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or queries.

With kind regards

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